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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for Decem 1947.

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~~Passes orders constituting~~ The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

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To

The Heads of Departments
Deputy Commissioners of Districts
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(Constitution of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee)

SUBJECT:

Questions relating to Refugees.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

Subject No Queries relating to Refugees

A Note on Refugees.

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There are three classes of refugees to be considered as noted below:-

(1) Non-Muslim Refugees from the Punjab and other areas.-

The Government have made an offer to the Government of India to receive and accommodate about 5000 Non-Muslim refugees including women and children from the Punjab and other areas. For this purpose, they have been pressing on the Government of India the urgent necessity for releasing the R.A.F. Camp at the Kolar Aerodrome with a view to converting it into a refugee camp. Up to date, no reply has been received from the Government of India. In the circumstances and as an alternative, the Government have proposed to settle the refugees in camps near the Lakkavalli Reservoir and to provide the adult population numbering about 3000 with manual work on daily wages. The assistance of the Government of India has been sought in obtaining materials for the construction of huts, digging and other tools transport lorries etc. for setting up and running the camps. The Government of India have been informed that, provided the offer is accepted and arrangements are made immediately to make the stores required available to the Public Works Department, the first batch of 100 families can be received by the 1st January 1948. The reply of the Government of India is awaited.

Meanwhile it is necessary to appoint

a Refugee Liaison Officer with headquarters at Tarikere, the rail-head to which the refugees will be despatched, to make necessary arrangements in consultation with the local engineering and other officers for receiving the refugees on arrival and for transporting them to their camps. While the Chief Engineer for Irrigation is already making arrangements for setting up the camp, arrangements for feeding the refugees or providing them with rations and other amenities, and a number of other details relating to the camp have to be worked out.

It may be mentioned in this connection that the Bombay Government have appointed a retired Superintendent of Police as Refugee Officer and another officer to look after the accommodation and welfare of evacuees.

(2) Refugees from Sind.- This class of refugees may be more correctly described as "Evacuees". They are quite well-to-do and can afford to look after themselves. All they need is assistance in securing accommodation in urban towns, more particularly in the Civil Station and the City of Bangalore. The only objection against them appears to be that with their money, they will further add to the rent-racket and with their resources, experience and business acumen, they will swamp the local trade and commerc

(3) Refugees from Hyderabad (Deccan)

The number of these is rather small at the moment, and the only request so far received on their behalf is for the ~~xxxxx xxxxx~~ loan of Nissen huts or military barracks for their temporary accommodation.

Apart from long-range problems relating to the permanent rehabilitation of refugees, the immediate necessity is for a Refugee Officer with adequate staff to put through plans for the relief of refugees for the co-ordination of work relating to the various kinds of refugees, and for organizing with non-official help, a campaign for the collection of funds and ~~xxxx~~ warm clothing and blankets. A copy of the Press Note which has been issued today with a copy of the circular letter addressed to the Dy. Com'rs of Dists. ~~& the Press of the Cir~~ matter following the appeal issued in this behalf by the C.R.O. is placed below for perusal.

Submitted

Sd/
4.11.47

Council File No. C.626
For Consideration
at a Meeting of Council
c/c WP 24/11

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The Government of India are at present engaged in affording relief to refugees who have migrated to India from the Punjab and other areas and have appealed to every Province and State to make its due contribution in dealing with this urgent problem. The Government of Mysore are most anxious to do everything in their power to assist the Government of India, and have no doubt that the people of Mysore with their great traditions will respond most generously to this appeal and offer their wholehearted co-operation.

Winter has already started in the Punjab and the indications are that it will be most severe. It is, therefore, essential that a countrywide effort should be made at once to collect warm garments and blankets of all description.

In this humanitarian task, the Government request the co-operation of all voluntary organizations in the State and will welcome the launching of a State-wide campaign for the collection of cash contributions, gifts in kind, warm clothing and blankets and other materials for the benefit of refugees. It is understood that several voluntary organizations are already taking interest in the matter. It is requested that information regarding the efforts made by such organizations may be furnished to Government so that the Government of India may be informed of the same. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts will be very glad to afford assistance to voluntary organizations and individuals who are prepared to offer their services in this behalf in forming local relief committees and in organizing local collection depots.

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Upon receipt of information through the Deputy Commissioner concerned as to the quantities and description of materials collected, despatch instructions will be issued by Government separately.

BANGALORE,
24th November 1947.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GPB—24-11-47

REFUGEES

A draft Government Order is put up as instructed for consideration.

Submitted

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Council matter

The draft order embodies the tentative proposals decided upon in a meeting with the Home Minister

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The draft may be circulated immediately to Ministers and considered at the meeting of Council on 3rd

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Council File No. 6.26
For Consideration
at a Meeting of Council
2/12/47

Draft circulation note.

Sub: Questions relating to Refugees

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Order No. Dated

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clothing and blankets for the benefit of refugees. The response to the appeal has been most gratifying. ~~The cash contributions amount to about Rs. . A list of donors will be published shortly.~~ Besides, as has appeared in the press, there are already many individuals and organizations - such as the Hindu-Sikh Refugee Relief Committee of the Civil Station, Bangalore, the Rotary Club of Bangalore and others - who are already doing most valuable work collecting funds by arranging for meetings, benefit performances and other means, getting ready quilts and blankets and distributing knitting wool for making warm garments for refugee children. There have also been many generous offers of help from individuals-notably from certain philanthropic gentlemen of Chickmagalu District who have signified their intention to afford relief to refugee families, ~~numbering from one family to as many as forty families~~ The Hindu-Sikh Refugee Relief Committee of Bangalore have also submitted a scheme for settling some ten thousand refugee families in the State partly in industrial colonies in the suburbs of Bangalore, Mysore Bhadravati, Hassan and other towns, where selected refugees could be helped to organize with their resources, talent or experience small-scale industries for producing cutlery, sports goods, scientific instruments, hospital equipment etc. and partly in cottage industries and in canal irrigation work in specially allo areas in the Mysore, Mandya and Shimoga distri

Government wish to place on record their high appreciation of the practical sympathy and enthusiasm shown by these and other individuals and organizations in the State - ~~too numerous to mention~~ - in affording succour & finding employment for the refugees, to the extent possible - ~~in supporting the refugee cause of the refugees.~~ It is obvious, however, that, in order to obtain maximum results, it is of the first importance bring the various individuals and organisations engaged in this work under a single central organization which would canalise all available resources and efforts into a regular, well-thought-out and ~~all-embracing~~ comprehensive system of relief and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, there has been an influx of refugees and evacuees into the State from Northern India. While their exact number cannot be ascertained until a system of refugee registration is introduced, there is evidence to show that between 1500 to 2000 persons consisting of families from Sind, the Punjab, the North-West Frontier Province and Hyderabad (Deccan) have arrived in Bangalore City, including the Civil Station. This influx is continuing. The effects of this influx on an already overcrowded City and ultimately on the economy of the State may be far-reaching ~~serious~~ and have to be carefully examined. It is clear therefore that the time has come for a planned approach to the refugee problem and that it is necessary to draw up a scheme for a balanced distribution of refugees to areas which can easily absorb them, without much dislocation of existing conditions

~~On the other hand~~, the refugee problem is both complex and many-sided. The refugees comprise various classes of people with widely-differing financial resources and their relief cannot be effected on any uniform pattern. Much classification and planning will be necessary. Barring people accustomed to heavy manual labour whom it is perhaps easy to absorb in labour units - as has been contemplated above - there ~~may be a~~ are likely to be a large number of ~~urban~~ people from urban areas whose absorption ~~is somewhat complicated~~ would raise difficult economic problems. ~~The problem is one of~~ It would be necessary even for a temporary period to ~~taking~~ make a rapid census or, as has been suggested, a rapid sample enquiry regarding the different types of refugees and of the several classes of ~~activities in which~~ employment in which they can be suitably and profitably ~~employed~~ settled and thus to obtain some primary data on which future plans can be based. Administratively, the ~~pr~~ problem is one of evolving an efficient machinery for organizing refugee camps, of affording immediate relief, of finding some temporary occupation of one to three years' duration and of co-ordinating official and non-official effort. Financially, it is one of ascertaining the extent of relief - short range and long range - to be given, of working out the financial cost involved and of finding the ways & means ~~of raising the funds required.~~ to meet the cost.

It is needless to stress that a task of this complexity and magnitude requiring the goodwill and co-operation of voluntary workers and organizations at every stage cannot be ~~left~~ to Government unaided ~~alone~~. Government feel that ~~in-~~

~~tackling a problem of this kind~~ they should have the ~~immediate~~ benefit of the advice and guidance of an influential committee representing the various interests concerned, ~~They~~ are accordingly pleased to appoint the following Committee to be known as "The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee".

Seth Purushottham Singh
L. Bajaj

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Members: 1. S. L. Mannaji Rao
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4. S.V. Srinivasa Setti
5. K R Madhavarao
6. S. Channiah
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10. H. Kapur
11. D.H. Koraj
12. Chhagan Mal (Jain Assoc)
13. Ramnarayan Chhaparam (Sindhi C
14. ~~Mr K Madhava Rao~~ Mrs E V G
15. Mrs Lakshmi Krishnappa
16. Mr Hosahalli (Rotary Club).
17. " O. Gopalan, B'lore
18. " Kamaladevi M.L.C
19. " Channappiah Wodeyar Chitaldrug

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Treasurer: X. Pattabhiraman
20. K. Hanjagappa M.L.C.
21. C. Nanjappa Gowda
22. K. Channaiah
23. Mrs Natarajan
24. Khanwalkar
25. Mrs Asaf Ali.
26. Mr. N. D. Shivanayappa Spl Liaison Officer
T. Rangaswamy Secretary
Mrs Krishnappa Asst-Secretary
The Manager, Bk of Mysore Bangalore
Member, Hassan

The Committee will have power ~~to add to its number and~~ to appoint sub. committees to deal with particular branches of work.

Government hope that the Committee will meet immediately and consider the various measures required to deal with the refugee problem so far as it pertains to the State

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All Deputy Commissioners of Districts

Heads of Departments and other Government officers concerned are requested to render assistance and afford facilities to the Committee in carrying out their work.

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Chief Secretary to Government

To

Heads of Departments
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For Consideration at a Meeting of Council

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Chief Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

O r d e r No.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Heads of Departments.
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PRESS TABLE.

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DONO 3714/CM

12th December 1947.

Dear Sir

I am desired to forward herewith a draft Government Order for printing and to request you to have the matter set in type immediately and to send me two clean proofs by 11-0 A.M. tomorrow.

The matter may be handed over to Capt

Yours obediently,

B. Krishnaswamy Chetty, Esq.,
Superintendent, Government Printing.

D.163-166.

I have a copy of the Mysore Government Press Note dated the 24th November 1947 and of a Government Order dated the 15th December 1947 regarding affording relief to and rehabilitation of refugees in Mysor State. I will be grateful if the proceed ings of the Conference of Prime Ministers of Provinces and States held in this behal in November last are kindly caused to be sent to us.

With best regards

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The Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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K.C.R.

(Chief Minister) 28/12

27.12.47

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER
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CHIEF SECRETARY 2 JAN 1948 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G.O. No. 3723-83—C.B. 148-47-1, dated Bangalore, the 15th December 1947.

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(3) To suggest measures necessary for registration of claims of property left or lost in Pakistan by refugees.

(4) To co-operate with Government in running the proposed refugee camp near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, or other refugee camps which may be opened.

(5) To organize with the aid of Deputy Commissioners, local relief committees and collection depots.

(6) To organize collections for the Refugee Relief fund by meetings, entertainments and other means.

(7) To assist in the making and despatch of gifts in kind.

(8) To enlist volunteers and workers.

(9) Generally to advise Government on all matters which may be referred to them regarding the relief and rehabilitation of refugees.

Government propose to appoint a whole-time officer to be in-charge of the arrangements required in connection with the accommodation and relief of refugees, including the running of the refugee camp at the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, and to assist the Refugee Relief Committee as *Ex-officio* Secretary to the Committee. Orders will issue separately regarding the officer posted for this work.

All Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Heads of Departments and other Government Officers concerned are requested to render assistance and afford facilities to the Committee in carrying out their work

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of District
The Secretaries to Government.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*
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CONGRESS OFFICE
COTTONPET
BANGALORE CITY

Date 18th Dec, 1947.

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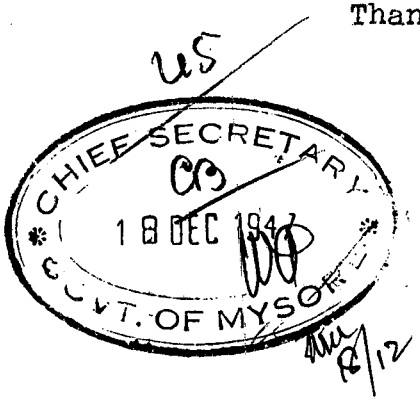
The Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

Your letter No.3824-54/C.R. dated 16th Dec regarding the Govt. Order. appointing me as a r Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee. I accept your offer to serve on the Committee and strive hard to render relief to our unfortunate brethern.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,



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H. KAPUR
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Bangalore

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Dec, 18, 1947

The Personal Assistant
to the Chief Secretary,
General & Revenue Secretrait,
Government of Mysore, Bangalor

Dear Sir;

I shall thank you to send me a dozen copies of the Government Order with regards to the "Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee ". I require these to be sent to the various official and non-official bodies working in the Punjab for ... information. I am in correspondence with these people to help me in getting upto date information on the refugee problem.

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 DEC 1947
GOVT. OF MYSORE

Yours truly,

H. Kapur
SECRETARY.

(Sent)

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Bangalore City, 18th Dec 1947

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter No. 3824-54/C.B. of 16th instant enclosing a copy of the Government order and thank you for appointing me as a member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Yours sincerely,

S. V. Sreenivasa Setty

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
General and Revenue Secretaria
Bangalore.

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BANK OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE.

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15th Decr.1947

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Dear Sir

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.3795/CB dated 15th December 1947.

I shall be very glad to serve on the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Yours sincerely,

G. V. Narayana Rao

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Telephone No. **2159**

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Bangalore City 18th Decr. 1947

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Dear Mr. Vedavyasachar,

I have received your letter No. 3824-54 dated the 16th instant together with the Government Order issued appointing me a Member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee which I gladly accept.

Yours Sincerely,
Ramnarayan Chellaram

Vedavyasacharya, V., B.A., Esq
Chief Secretary to Govt.
of Mysore,
BANGALORE CITY.

MRS. JAYALAKSHMI GANAPATI IYER

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th December, 1947.

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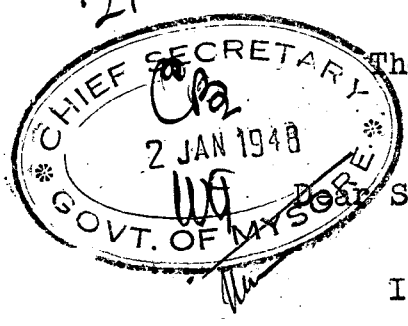
To



The Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore.
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge receipt with thanks, of your D.O. letter No. 3824-54/C.B. dated 16th December 1947, enclosing a copy of the Government Order, appointing me as a Member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Ganapati Iyer

LOVE IS GOD !

SERVICE TO MAN IS SERVICE TO GOD !!

HINDU - SIKH - HARIJAN

BROTHERHOOD

(Registered)

Ref: No.....

Bangalore 23rd Dec 1947

The Chief Secretary,
The Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

Ref: D.O. No 3824-54/C.B. dated 10th Dec 47

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your above noted D.O. and accept to serve as a member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Yours sincerely,

D.C.Kohly

(Rai Sahib D.C.Kohly).

CB - 23.12.47

Copy forwarded for information to Mr. P.K.Ramanathiah, Secretary to the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore.

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BANGALORE 19th Decr. 47.

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Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge copy of the Government Order appointing me as Treasurer of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, with many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

From,
Mutha.
B.S.G. Chhaganmull
President.
Mysore State Humanitarian League.

Shoolay, Bangalore.
Decr 19th 1947.

To.
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore.
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, with thanks, of your D.O. Letter No. 3824-54/C.B. dated the 16th instant; enclosing a printed copy of the Government Order issued appointing me a member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, and am glad to assure my best coperation in this Humanitarian Service.

Yours faithfully
Mutha Chhaganmull
(Mutha B.S.G. Chhaganmull)
President,
M.S. Humanitarian League.

Letter No.48. dated 30th December 1947 from the Commissioner of Refugees in Mysore. Bangalore. and Ex-Officio Secretary. Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, requesting sanction to a resolution passed by the Committee asking for permission to co-opt not more than three local gentlemen of the City and the Civil Station for the Central Committee and the required number for District Committees

1) A copy of the Government Order constituting the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee is put up herewith.

2) Submitted for perusal and orders regarding the proposal for co-opting additional members to the Committee.

3) Chief Secy) 7/1/48.

6.1.48 Secy 6/1/48

Office of the Chief Minister
No. C.386
Date 17.1.48

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR HOME
8/1/48
No. 1342

4) The proposal of the Comm^n may be accepted; the names of the members co-opted to the Central Comm^n may be intimated for the info. of Govt.

Home Min^r 7/1/48

Chief Min^r

5) 9/1

6) 17/1

17/1/48

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Mussm. State Refugee Relief Committee

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Submitted

1) Draft. letter put up for approval.

Chief Secy) 20/1/48.

19.1.48.

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Issued no. 5945/C.B. dy 24.2.48

To the Commissioner

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Office of the Commissioner of Refugees in Mysore, (Resident's office building, Civil Area,) Bangalore, dated 30th Dec.47.

From

K.P. RAMANATHAIYA, Esq., M.A.,
Commissioner of Refugees in Mysore &
Ex-Officio Secretary, Mysore State
Refugee Relief Committee,
Bangalore.

To

M. SHAMANNA, Esq., M.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herein a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee on the 28th December 1947 that the Government may be requested to permit the Committee to co-opt not more than three local gentlemen of the City and Civil Station areas for the Central Committee and any necessary number of gentlemen of the localities concerned for the District Committees appointed by the Central Committee and to request that sanction of Government may kindly be accorded to the above resolutions.

CHIEF SECRETARY
2 JAN 1948
GOVT. OF MYSORE

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K P Ramanathaiya

Commissioner of Refugees
in Mysore, Bangalore.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE MYSORE STATE REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING HELD ON the 28th December 1947.

Resolved that the Committee may be permitted to co-opt not more than three local gentlemens of the City and Civil Station areas for the Central Committee and ~~and~~ any necessary number of gentlemen of the localities concerned for the District Committees appointed by the Central Committee.

"EXTRACT"

Ex-Officio Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

NO5945/CR

The Commissioner of Refugees in Mysore
& ~~Secre~~ Ex. Officio Secretary, the
Mysore State Refugee Relief Commit
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 40, dated 30th December 1947, I am directed to convey the sanction of Government to the resolution passed by the meeting of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee held on the 28th December 1947 asking for permission to co-opt not more than three local gentlemen of the City and the Civil Station for the Central Committee and the required number for District Committees.

I am to request that the names of the members co-opted to the Central Committee may be reported for the information and formal approval of Government.

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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The Commissioner of Refugees in Mysore
and Ex-Officio Secretary, The Mysore State
Refugee Relief Committee
BANGALORE.

With reference to your letter No.48/47-48 dated 30th December 1947. I am directed to convey the sanction of Government to the resolution passed by the Meeting of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee held on the 28th December 1947 asking for permission to co-opt not more than three local gentlemen of the City and the Civil Station for the Central Committee and the required number for District Committees.

I am to request that the names of the members co-opted to the Central Committee may be reported for the information and formal approval of Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

24/2/48

Chief Secretary to Government.